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**SELECTMEN
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC BOND HEARING (6:30 PM)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013
APPROVED March 4, 2013**

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:34 PM on Monday, February 11, 2013.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman

Tom Congoran, Selectman (via telephone for voting on Warrant)

George Langwasser, Selectman

Bryan Pellerin, Selectman

Denis Goddard, Selectman

Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Neal Cass, Town Administrator

Public present: Kane Smart, Peter Marchand, Janet Krzyzaniak, Bonnie & Lester Cressy; Sue Strickford, Chuck Gangel, Ken Locke, Wendy & Bob Koch, Arnold Coda, Erick Leadbeater, David White, Bethann McCarthy, Jack Ruderman, Ken Traum, Walter Gleason

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser, and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes; 4-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of January 28, 2013. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting with the following correction: Under New Business change "appointment" to "officially appoint."

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser, and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes; 4-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Peter Marchand from AT&T wireless was to inquiry as to the availability of a piece of town owned property for the purpose of a cell tower. The property is located on Old Putney Hill Road. Selectmen Pellerin inquired about other cell towers in the area. Mr. Marchand replied there were none in the area. This tower would improve coverage on 89 and the surrounding area. Mr. Marchand also stated they are concerning property in Warner as well. Traffic would be at a minimum, only a few service vehicles. Construction of the tower would take about 6 weeks. Chairmen O'Brien would like to have another meeting with the abutters of the property to see what their views are. He also invited Mr. Marchand to return to the February 25, 2013 meeting.

With regards as to what would be seen, Mr. Marchand stated they send up a red balloon in order gauge the view. Chairmen O'Brien inquired about the exact location of the tower. Mr. Marchand stated they do not have an exact location but by the February 25th meeting they should have a good idea of the general location. Chairmen O'Brien also suggested that Mr. Marchand speak with Ron Klemarczyk.

IV. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

At 6:00 pm a conference call with Selectmen Congoran came in allowing him to vote on the Warrant as he was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

The following votes were recorded:

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,300,000 (gross budget) for the planning, design, construction and equipping of a new highway garage and to authorize the expenditure of \$769,434 of settlement proceeds from the total loss by fire of the highway garage and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$530,566 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

(2/3 Ballot vote required).

Selectmen Congoran approved the Article, Selectmen Langwasser seconded, 5-0.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$ 5,707,011 for general municipal operations. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.

(Majority vote required).

Selectmen Langwasser approved the Article, Selectmen Pellerin seconded, 5-0.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Community Center Capital Reserve Fund created in 1999. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the Town's general fund.

(Majority Vote Required).

Selectmen Goddard approved the Article, Selectmen Langwasser seconded, 4-1(Pellerin).

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$140,250) to pay down existing debt.

(Majority Vote Required).

Selectmen Pellerin approved the Article, Selectmen Langwasser seconded, 5-0.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred eighty-eight thousand (\$ 388,000) to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

Capital Reserve Accounts

Amount

Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	\$ 70,000
New & Replacement Equipment & Vehicles for the Public Works and Highway Dept,	175,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	60,000
Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement	5,000
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	27,000
Police Cruiser and Accessories Equipment	31,000
Library Replacement Building Systems	10,000
Renovations to the Town Hall	10,000
TOTAL	\$ 388,000

((Majority vote required)).

Selectmen Langwasser approved the Article, Selectmen Pellerin seconded, 5-0.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$ 35,000) to be placed in previously established Expendable General Trust Funds as follows:

<u>Expendable General Trust Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town Facilities Maintenance	\$ 20,000
Recreational Facilities Maintenance	5,000
Hopkinton Library Technology Fund	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	5,000
TOTAL	\$ 35,000

((Majority vote required)).

Selectmen Pellerin approved the Article, Selectmen Goddard seconded, 5-0.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Dam Maintenance and Construction and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

((Majority Vote Required)).

Selectmen Goddard approved the Article, Selectmen Langwasser seconded, 5-0.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Sludge Removal Capital Reserve Fund to the Sewer System Equipment and Sludge Removal Capital Reserve Fund.

((2/3 Vote Required)).

Selectmen Langwasser approved the Article, Selectmen Pellerin seconded, 5-0.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-two thousand dollars (\$ 92,000) for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Pay by Bag Fund (Special Revenue Fund) established for this purpose at the 2010 Town Meeting to fund this appropriation. No funds to be raised by taxation.

((Majority Vote Required)).

Selectmen Pellerin approved the Article, Selectmen Goddard seconded, 5-0.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 19 as amended that was approved at the March 2010 Hopkinton Town Meeting. Passage of this new 2013 Warrant Article will end the so called "Pay-by-Bag" trash disposal program in its entirety. Cancellation of "Pay-by-Bag" will become effective on April 20, 2013.

((By Petition))

((Majority Vote Required)).

Selectmen Goddard did not approve of the Article, Selectmen Langwasser seconded, 5-0 to not recommend.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to continue the current price of the Pay-by-Bag bags as follows:
13 gallon bags - \$ 0.75 and 33 gallon bags - \$ 1.25

(Majority Vote Required).

Selectmen Langwasser approved the Article, Selectmen Pellerin seconded, 5-0.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for conceptual architecture and engineering for a new fire station with plans to be presented at the 2014 Town Meeting.

(Majority Vote Required).

Selectmen Goddard approved the Article, Selectmen Langwasser seconded, 5-0.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand seventy-eight dollars (\$ 1,078) for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Senior Center and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Senior Center Rental Fund (Revenue Fund) established for this purpose at the 2009 Town Meeting to fund this appropriation. No funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority Vote Required).

Selectmen Pellerin approved the Article, Selectmen Langwasser seconded, 5-0.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Janet Krzyzaniak wanted to thank Denis Goddard for recognizing that he would be unable to fulfill his obligation to the Board of Selectmen and thus stepped down. Selectmen Goddard thanked Sue Strickford for signing up to run for the position that he will be vacating.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The Board is in receipt of a Petitioned Warrant Article for Extension of Precinct Boundaries for Contoocook Village Precinct. This article needs to be placed on the Contoocook Village Precinct Warrant.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Chuck Gangel was in to speak to the Board with regards to Invoice Cloud and its security. Selectmen Goddard expressed his opinion that security on numerous websites is not good and he cautioned the Board about using them to accept payments on line. After further discussion, Mr. Gangel stated he would still like to have use of the information aspect of the program, allowing access to the balances due so those looking for that information would not need to contact the office.

VIII. PUBLIC BOND HEARING-Highway Garage

At 6:30 pm, Chairmen O'Brien opened the Bond meeting by introducing Kelly Davis from PortOne Architects, Craig Jewett from Jewett Construction, John Thayer, Superintendent of Public Works. Selectmen Langwasser gave the power point presentation as to what happened at the Highway Garage, the negotiations with LGC, the hardships that the Highway crew is facing without a building to house employees and equipment; and the Board's reason for accepting the last offer as opposed to going to arbitration.

Questions from the public included many questions that were previously asked but had not yet been answered. Concerns were for the size of the building, the heating system of the building, the total cost of the building and the amount we are required to bond by law. Mr. Davis stated he would have a copy of

the site plan, a sketch of how the equipment will fit into the new building and an energy comparison prepared for town meeting.

Walter Gleason stated that he met with Mr. Cass after the first bond hearing and went over all the numbers and was satisfied with regards to the prices, however he feels we could cut the size of the building by 3,000 sq ft.

Chairmen O'Brien closed the Bond Hearing at 8:15 pm.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Chairmen O'Brien updated the Board on the Flood Control money, noting that the state is revisiting the issue. On February 19th, Chairmen O'Brien and Selectmen Langwasser will be attending a hearing on HB581. Selectmen Pellerin will also try to attend. HB581 is for recovering moneys from a neighboring state, ie: flood control payments due our towns from Massachusetts.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Bills – Library-this bill would allow municipalities to have control over library budgets instead of the trustees.

Selectmen Langwasser stated that Maura Carroll has resigned from LGC.

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Pellerin, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser, and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes; 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.